

# Eco-Community Dialogues Newsletter

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## The Conservation Pledge

*I pledge to protect and preserve the natural resources of the planet Earth, and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, land, forest, and wildlife.*

## You Can Understand

Reverse roles with *Monsanto* and their allies for a moment. They are currently in the business of exclusion of your needs because you have long put yourselves in the position of bottom totem on the pole. If you have placed so little value on your own needs, it may be that those around you have done so also. Possibly you have taught them how to treat you.

Consequently, when you begin to devote more of your thoughts and your energy to pleasing yourself and less to pleasing them, they may not be willing to support you in this endeavor. In fact, they may even do everything in their power to sabotage it! They could try to make you feel guilty. They might compete with you for whose needs take priority. They can probably present a very logical and reasonable case proving the specific need they have is more important than the one you, the American People, have.

They might be feeling uncomfortable, and probably even scared, about your new and unfamiliar behavior. They are trying to push you back into your old role because that is the familiar and comfortable pattern of public passivity that the chemical giants are used to.

Do you have the picture? You can understand their need to escalate their old behaviors of keeping you helpless. But you can choose to deal with this situation positively. Imagine *Monsanto* and their allies have people who are willing to use their talents, time, and energy in an effort to pass YES ON MEASURE 92. How would that feel for you.

Imagine grocer manufacturers shifting their focus away from defeating your human right to know what is in your food. What would *Moms All Across America* experience. Grandmothers and others what will you do if **Yes on Measure 92** wins.

Oregonians will hardly be in a position to pat *Monsanto* and their allies on the head and say, *"It's nice that you're taking charge of your packaging accountability, and now we have to get better at taking good care of ourselves."* The chemical giants have to pace their changes at a rate that gives time to adjust. *Monsanto* and their allies may try to make voters have certain feelings, but voters have to play the compliant victim to let that happen.

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Visualize *Coke* and *Pepsi* corporations having people who are willing to use their energy, talents, and time in an effort to please consumers with the words, “*Produced by Genetic Engineering*” on their products.

You can devote some of your energy and time to thinking about what the citizens of 64+ other countries in the world do, or have done in the past, to make *Monsanto* and their allies roll out those little words “*Genetically Modified*” on their products.

It’s time for the American People to develop an uncanny ability to know that labeling Genetically Modified Organisms is what you need or want, and then decide to take action. Your positive attitude may even be contagious. The opponents of labeling GMOs may diminish. They may step over to support labeling like *Ben and Jerry* ice cream company did, because they value customers who want GMO ingredients removed. *Starbucks* and others may be more likely to stop using GMO ingredients. Just because *Monsanto* and their allies think you should want GMOs doesn’t make it true.

The moral of the story is that if at first it doesn’t pass, you have another go at it. Vote with your dollars and download the free BUYCOTT App that scans food bar codes to inform you as to which brands fight GMO food labeling, or not. If the parent company funded opposition to YES ON 92, switch brands. Consumers with the most flexibility will control the system. It’s up to you to teach your local cafes and grocers the way you prefer to be treated.

(Source: BE YOUR OWN SANTA CLAUS, by Sandra Gordon Stoltz)

### Sustainable World Documentary Videos and Films

A Convenient Truth

[www.mariavazphoto.com/curitiba\\_pages/curitiba\\_dvt.html](http://www.mariavazphoto.com/curitiba_pages/curitiba_dvt.html)

Addicted to Plastic

[www.crypticmoth.com/platic.php](http://www.crypticmoth.com/platic.php)

Burning the Future: Coal in America

[www.burningthefuture.org](http://www.burningthefuture.org)

Crude

[www.crudethemovie.com](http://www.crudethemovie.com)

HOME

[www.home-2009.com](http://www.home-2009.com)

Division Street

[www.divisionstreetmovie.com](http://www.divisionstreetmovie.com)

End of the Line

[www.endoftheline.com](http://www.endoftheline.com)

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Fighting Goliath: Texas Coal Wars

[www.fightinggoliathfilm.com](http://www.fightinggoliathfilm.com)

Food Inc.

[www.foodincmovie.com](http://www.foodincmovie.com)

Forces of Nature

[www.Shop.nationalgeographic.com/product/170/2513/104.html](http://www.Shop.nationalgeographic.com/product/170/2513/104.html)

Forever Wild

[www.foreverwildfilm.com](http://www.foreverwildfilm.com)

Garbage!

[www.garbagerevolution.com](http://www.garbagerevolution.com)

Green

[www.greenplanetfilms.org](http://www.greenplanetfilms.org)

How to Save the World

[www.greenplanetfilms.org](http://www.greenplanetfilms.org)

Mama Earth: Eco-Econ101

[www.earthwalkmedia.com/projects.htm](http://www.earthwalkmedia.com/projects.htm)

PetroApocalypse Now?

[www.petroapocalypsenow.com/film.html](http://www.petroapocalypsenow.com/film.html)

Power Paths

[www.powerpaths.org](http://www.powerpaths.org)

River of Renewal

[www.aifisf.com/aiff/2008](http://www.aifisf.com/aiff/2008)

Scarred Lands & Wounded Lives

[www.scarredlandsfilm.org](http://www.scarredlandsfilm.org)

Tapped

[www.tappedthemovie.com](http://www.tappedthemovie.com)

The Future of Food

[www.thefutureoffood.com](http://www.thefutureoffood.com)

The Next Industrial Revolution

[www.bullfrogfilms.com](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com)

The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil

[www.powerofcommunity.org](http://www.powerofcommunity.org)

The Real Dirt on Farmer John

[www.greenplanetfilms.org](http://www.greenplanetfilms.org)

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### The Best Case Scenario

Dear Readers, I have chronicled where NOW is, because the purpose of life is to *Create the Future*. I had major surgery to save my life in December 2004. After that experience the one thing I know for sure is that, in the *Field of All Possibility*, there exists a *Best Case Scenario*. So just take a deep breath and imagine that you could trust your unconscious mind to know how to become totally congruent with simplifying your life so that you may live in great equilibrium with protecting, rather than exploiting, all natural resources. If you could imagine looking from the Future back to Now, the most important and urgent thing for us today would be a shift in consciousness. Turn the hearts of the children toward the more agrarian artistry and craftsmanship of their forefathers. There are species and skills that are too precious than to be lost and gone forever.

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